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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-85. (Canceled)

86. (currently amended) An isolated protein TFIIB $\alpha/\beta$ -like factor protein, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 90% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO.: 2.

87. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 86, wherein the protein has greater than 95% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO.: 2.

88. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 86, wherein the protein has greater than 98% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO.: 2.

89. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 86, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 2.

90. (currently amended) The isolated protein of claim 86, wherein the protein is tagged with a polyhistidine epitope tag.

91. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 86, wherein the protein is the product of in vitro translation.

92. (currently amended) An isolated TFIIB $\alpha/\beta$ -like factor protein encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence substantially homologous to the coding strand of the gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO.: 1.

93. (currently amended) A fusion protein comprising a portion of the TFIIB $\alpha/\beta$ -like factor an isolated protein having greater than 90% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO.: 2 protein of claim 7 and a non TFIIB $\alpha/\beta$ -like factor fusion protein sequence.

94. (currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 93, wherein said TFIIB $\alpha/\beta$ -like factor fusion protein sequence further comprises an epitope tag.

95. (currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 93, wherein said TFIIB $\alpha/\beta$ -like factor fusion protein sequence further comprises a polyhistidine epitope tag.

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96. (currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 93, wherein said ~~non-TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor~~ protein is a transcription factor.

97. (currently amended) An isolated ~~Stoned~~ TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor protein, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 90% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO.: 4.

98. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 97, wherein the protein has greater than 95% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO.: 4.

99. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 97, wherein the protein has greater than 98% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO.: 4.

100. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 97, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 4.

101. (currently amended) The isolated protein of claim 97, wherein the protein is tagged with a polyhistidine epitope tag.

102. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 97, wherein the protein is the product of in vitro translation.

103. (currently amended) An isolated ~~Stoned~~ TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor protein encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence substantially homologous to the coding strand of the gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO.: 3.

104. (currently amended) A fusion protein comprising a portion of the ~~Stoned~~ TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor an isolated protein having greater than 90% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO.: 4 protein of claim 18 and a non-TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor a fusion protein sequence.

105. (currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 104, wherein said ~~Stoned~~ TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor fusion protein sequence further comprises an epitope tag.

106. (currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 104, wherein said ~~Stoned~~ TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor fusion protein sequence further comprises a polyhistidine epitope tag.

107. (currently amended) The fusion protein of claim 104, wherein said ~~non-Stoned~~ TFIIA $\alpha/\beta$  like factor protein is a transcription factor.

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